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SUBJECT: MOBUTU SPEECH TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS

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1. IN A JANUARY 6 "NEW YEAR" SPEECH TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS,  
PRESIDENT MOBUTU TOUCHED ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES WHICH DEVELOPED  
DURING 1976:

A) ANGOLA. AFTER REVIEWING ZAIRE'S POLICY TOWARDS ANGOLA, MOBUTU  
ANNOUNCED THE RECOGNITION OF THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA.  
(SEE REFTEL FOR DETAILS).

B) BULGARIA. WELCOMED THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA.

C) SOUTHERN AFRICA. APPEALED FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY  
RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

D) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. FOR THE THIRD TIME WITHIN A MONTH, THE  
PRESIDENT COMMENTED UPON THE STALLED NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND  
URGED ITS QUICK RESUSCITATION. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT THE TWO  
CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ASKED TO SUBMIT CONFLICTING  
REPORTS.

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E) MARBURG FEVER. THANKED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR ITS  
ASSISTANCE DURING THE EPIDEMIC.

F). INVESTMENT CODE. ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF A NEW INVESTMENT  
CODE TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ZAIRE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: WITH THE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF

ZAIRE'S RECOGNITION OF THE PRA (REFTEL), PRESIDENT MOBUTU DID NOT  
BREAK NEW POLITICAL GROUND IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE DIPLOMATIC  
CORPS. HE PLACED EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR THE LDC'S TO WORK TO-  
GETHER AND POINTED TO ZAIRES EFFORTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RWANDA  
AND BURUNDI TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. AS IS CUSTOMARY  
ON SUCH OCCASIONS, PRESIDENT MOBUTU GAVE A SELF-LAUDATORY ACCOUNT  
OF ZAIRES ROLE, ESPECIALLY ITS CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN UNITY.  
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